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Continuation of 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejections: Claim 1 was amended to meet 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejections shown in Office Action mailed on January 9, 2008.

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

As to claim 1(to 6), Applicant argues, at pages 8-11 of Applicant's Remarks, that Bakshi et al (US 6,574,663 B1; hereinafter Bakshi), fails to teach/suggest,

"analyzing the local network information received to map a communication path established in the network; responsive to the local network information received and the communication path mapped in the analyzing step, selecting a next network element for querying;"

Applicant mainly argues that the Applicant's invention provides for mapping communication paths already established in a network as shown in page 11 of Applicant's Remarks and that the Bakshi reference teaches a discovery process where a sever repeatedly discovers or identifies new network elements within a network.

The Examiner disagrees with the Applicant and respectfully assert that Bakshi teaches/suggest the above claim limitation. Bakshi shows *"analyzing the local network information received to map a communication path established in the network"* in Figure 2, step 270. Bakshi shows the description that supports Figure 2 (col. 5, lines 15-65), more specifically col. 5, lines 47-51, shows that "the above process repeats according to

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a temporal sequence (i.e. **periodically**) for same active device and all active devices in order to keep the databases in the active topology server current." With this passage, it does show, that Bakshi reference does not limit itself to a "startup" discovery process, but also applies to "ongoing/current" discovery process, which means that the network (paths, nodes) are already established. With this response, the Bakshi reference does anticipate claim 1.

As to independent claims 7, 13 and 17, applicant bases his arguments on the same ground and Examiner's reply still applies to claims 7, 13, and 17.